

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A flat panel obtained by the Hatschek process from a sheet material obtained by filtration of an aqueous suspension comprising:

a Portland cement in an amount of ~~from~~ between 18 to 50% by weight of dry matter,  
calcium carbonate in an amount of ~~from~~ between 40 to 70% by weight of dry matter,  
at least one pozzolan or material capable of undergoing a pozzolanic reaction,  
and  
from 2 to 10% by weight of fibers, at least some of which are synthetic fibres,  
said flat panel being obtained without autoclaving.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The flat panel according to Claim 9, wherein said pozzolan or material is at least one selected from the group consisting of aluminosilicates, calcium aluminosilicates and amorphous silica.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The flat panel according to Claim 9, wherein said suspension further includes plant fibres.

Claims 13-15 (Canceled.)

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The flat panel according to Claim 9, wherein said suspension comprises 40% of calcium carbonate and 15% of fly ashes ash as said pozzolan or material capable of undergoing a pozzolanic reaction.

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The flat panel according to Claim 9, wherein said suspension comprises about 60% of calcium carbonate.

Claims 19-20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The flat panel according to Claim 9, wherein the content of synthetic fibres is at least 1% by weight relative to the total weight of dry matter or at least 25% by weight relative to the total weight of fibres.

Claims 22-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The flat panel according to Claim 9, wherein the synthetic fibres comprise at least one of polyvinyl alcohol fibres, polypropylene fibres and polyethylene fibres.

Claim 25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The flat panel according to Claim 9, in the form of a siding, a cladding element, or a partition element.

Claims 27-28 (Canceled).

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A flat panel obtained by the Hatschek process from a sheet material obtained by filtration of an aqueous suspension comprising:

a Portland cement in an amount of ~~from~~ between 18 to 50% by weight of dry matter,  
calcium carbonate in an amount of ~~from~~ between 60 to 70% by weight of dry matter,  
and  
from 2 to 10% by weight of fibers, at least some of which are synthetic fibres,  
said flat panel being obtained without autoclaving.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The flat panel according to Claim 29, wherein said suspension further includes plant fibres.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The flat panel according to Claim 29, wherein the content of synthetic fibres is at least 1% by weight relative to the total weight of dry matter or at least 25% by weight relative to the total weight of fibres.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The flat panel according to Claim 29, wherein the synthetic fibres comprise at least one of polyvinyl alcohol fibres, polypropylene fibres and polyethylene fibres.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The flat panel according to Claim 29, in the form of a siding, a cladding element, or a partition element.

Claim 34 (Canceled).

Claim 35 (Canceled).

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): The flat panel according to Claim 9, wherein the at least one pozzolan or material capable of undergoing a pozzolanic reaction comprises fly ashes ash obtained from thermal power stations, ~~or fly ashes selected from the group consisting of rice husk ashes ash and blast furnace slag.~~

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 9, 16, 29 and 36 are currently amended.

Claims 11, 12, 18, 21, 24, 26 and 30-33 were previously presented.

Claims 34 and 35 are canceled.

Upon entry of the amendments Claims 9, 11, 12, 16, 18, 21, 24, 26, 29-33 and 36 will be active.

The claims have been amended to clarify claim language and to conform to the language of the specification.

No new matter has been added by the amendments.